

Surrey Schools Admissions Survey

Section 1: Schools Admissions Criteria

Surrey is consulting parents on the system for schools admissions. Please complete all the questions below by ticking the box or writing in your answer as appropriate. Completed questionnaires should be returned by **16 December 2005** in the pre-paid envelope provided. If you have any questions on the survey form please contact the Helpline on 01483 742896.

If you prefer you can complete the questionnaire on-line.

Just go to <http://www.mva-group.com/sccsurvey/schooladmissionssurvey.htm> where you will find the survey form.

Q1 How important do you consider the following to be when deciding whether a child should go to a particular school? TICK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	<i>Very important</i>	<i>Important</i>	<i>Neither</i>	<i>Unimportant</i>	<i>Very unimportant</i>	<i>Don't Know</i>
Having a brother or sister at the school no matter where the family live	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Going to the nearest school	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Having 'feeder schools' i.e. children in certain infant, primary or junior schools are given priority to move to a linked junior or secondary school	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
Being able to get to the school easily on foot, bicycle or public transport	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Q2 Sometimes there are more applicants than places available at a particular school. Which of these factors do you think should be taken into account when deciding how to allocate places at these schools that have more applicants than places? TICK ONE BOX IN EACH ROW

	<i>Yes, should be taken into account</i>	<i>No, should not be taken into account</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Brothers or sisters at the school no matter where the family live	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Going to the nearest school	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Having 'feeder schools' i.e. children in certain infant, primary or junior schools are given priority to move to a linked junior or secondary school	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
Being able to get to the school easily on foot, bicycle or public transport	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

Q3 After taking into account children who need exceptional arrangements (e.g. children in care or those with special educational needs or medical conditions), the current system in Surrey is to allocate places for schools where there are more applicants than places to children with brothers or sisters already at the school and then those who live within an Admissions Priority Area (APA). The APA is a flexible area that is drawn each year that a school has too many applicants. It takes into account things such as what places at other schools are available, long-standing community links, road and rail links and natural boundaries such as main roads or rivers. How fair do you think this system is? **TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Very fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Unfair	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Very unfair.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Neither fair nor unfair.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Q4 After taking into account children who need exceptional arrangements (e.g. children in care or those with special educational needs or medical conditions), a possible alternative is to have a system based on a combination of some or all of the following (i) brothers or sisters (ii) going to the nearest school (iii) 'feeder schools' and (iv) being able to get to the school easily by foot, bicycle or public transport. How fair do you think this system would be? **TICK ONE BOX ONLY**

Very fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Unfair	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Very unfair.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Neither fair nor unfair.....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

Q5 Which combination of these factors would you prefer? **TICK ALL THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE INCLUDED**

<i>Brothers or sisters at the school</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<i>'Feeder schools'</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
<i>Going to the nearest school</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<i>Being able to get to the school easily on foot, bicycle or by public transport</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

Q6 Are there any other factors that you think should be taken into account when deciding which school children should go to?

Yes (WRITE IN)

No (TICK BOX)

Section 2: Preferred Schools

When applying for a school place you are asked to choose 3 schools. Please consider the following systems for taking these 3 choices into account:

SYSTEM A (Equal Preference): You are put into the pool to be considered for all 3 of the selected schools. This means that there are more applications overall but if you do not get a place at your 1st choice then you will be considered for the 2nd and then the 3rd choice of school.

SYSTEM B (Preference Weighted): First of all you are considered for your 1st choice of school only. This means that there are usually fewer applicants for each school. If you do not get a place at your 1st choice then you will be considered for the 2nd and then 3rd choice of school but behind those who put it as their first choice.

Q7 How fair do you consider SYSTEM A (Equal Preference) to be - *all three choices taken into account straight away?* TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Unfair	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Very unfair	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Neither fair nor unfair	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	6

Q8 How fair do you consider SYSTEM B (Preference Weighted) to be - *1st choice only taken into account in the first instance?* TICK ONE BOX ONLY

Very fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Unfair	<input type="checkbox"/>	4
Fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Very unfair	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
Neither fair nor unfair	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	6

Q9 Which of these systems do you think is better overall? TICK ONE BOX ONLY

System A (Equal Preference)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	No Preference	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
System B (Preference Weighted)	<input type="checkbox"/>	2			

Q10 Do you have any other comments on the schools admissions system in Surrey? (IF SO, PLEASE WRITE IN BELOW)

Section 3: About Yourself

Q11 Which borough or district in Surrey do you live in? TICK ONE BOX ONLY

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|----|
| <i>Elmbridge</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | <i>Spelthorne</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 |
| <i>Epsom and Ewell</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | <i>Surrey Heath</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 |
| <i>Guildford</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 | <i>Tandridge</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 |
| <i>Mole Valley</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | <i>Waverley</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 |
| <i>Reigate and Banstead</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | <i>Woking</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 |
| <i>Runnymede</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | | | |

Q12 Which of the following year groups is/are your child(ren) in? YOU CAN TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----|
| <i>Nursery/Pre-school</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | <i>Year 6</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 |
| <i>Reception</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | <i>Year 7</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 |
| <i>Year 1</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 | <i>Year 8</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 |
| <i>Year 2</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | <i>Year 9</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 |
| <i>Year 3</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | <i>Year 10</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 |
| <i>Year 4</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | <i>Year 11</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13 |
| <i>Year 5</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 | <i>6th form/further education</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14 |
| | | | <i>age 16-18</i> | | |

Q13 What is the occupation of the main wage earner in your household? WRITE IN DETAILS. THIS QUESTION IS OPTIONAL.

Q14 Are you(TICK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <i>Parent of school aged child(ren) in Surrey</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | <i>Borough Councillor</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 |
| <i>School Governor</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | <i>Diocesan Board</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 |
| <i>Head teacher</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 | <i>Neighbouring LEA</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 |
| <i>Surrey County Councillor</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | <i>Any other</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 |

Q15 Your Postcode

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Thank you for completing the questionnaire. Now please return it in the pre-paid envelope provided.